

# CE NEWS

## Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

### Webinar Picks:

- [Before Your Hire an Architect: Reduce Costs and Risks, Produce Better Results](#)
- [Excel Formulas](#)
- [The Future of Libraries](#)
- [Public Librarians' Monthly Chat –Selecting Children's Literature that accurately depicts Native Experiences](#)

## Putting the trust back in Trustees

This month you have an opportunity to participate in a series of webinars focusing on building and capitalizing on the expertise and talents found within your library board. This series of three webinars begins on

### Events Calendar

March 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Upcoming Events:						
<a href="#">Build Staff Buy-In for Volunteer Engagement</a>						
Tue, Mar 10, 2015 10:00am						
<a href="#">Genealogy Research at the Library : How to Get the Most out of Library Resources</a>						
Tue, Mar 10, 2015 10:00am						
<a href="#">Creepy Thrillers and Seriously Wicked Titles for Spring/ Hot Books for Teens</a>						
Tue, Mar 10, 2015 11:00am						
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March 11<sup>th</sup> with **[Making the Most of Your Board Recruitment](#)** continues on March 18<sup>th</sup> with **[Making the Most of Your Board: Best Practices for Onboarding and Engaging Board Members](#)** and concludes on March 25<sup>th</sup> with **[Involving Your Board in Fundraising](#)**. This series of webinars got me to thinking about the often complicated relationship many library directors have with their library boards. Library Journal's editor, Rebecca T. Miller wrote an excellent commentary on this very subject in the June 15, 2014 issue of Library Journal. In her commentary titled, **[Trusting Trustees](#)** Miller describes how some library directors fearful of board meddling or of losing control of their library purposefully keep the library board at arm's length, failing to inform board members of their roles and responsibilities or fully engaging them in finding solutions to problems. According to Miller, library leaders who underutilize trustees talents, "... are squandering critical capacity and losing a potent edge in the key task of connecting to the community." This month you have an opportunity to participate in three webinars that may help you make the most of your library board.

To see all of the upcoming events and webinars visit the **[Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar](#)**

### **Selecting children's literature that accurately depict Native experiences**

I'm pleased to announce this month's Public Librarians' Monthly Chat guest speaker is Sorrel Godwin, he will be sharing his experience as a member of the **[Native Education Advisory Committee that was formed in Juneau](#)** to make recommendations on four text books– "The Visit," "Our Teacher the Hero" and "Continuing On" written by Terry Miller Shannon and "History Detectives" written by Sandy McKay which were part of a McGraw Hill's Reading Wonders curriculum. The four texts were found be inaccurate and offensive and were ultimately removed.

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